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AMENDMENT

S I R :

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, Applicant has the following comments:

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) or 103(a) as being unpatentable over Satloff, U.S. Patent No. 5,667,319 ("Satloff"), optionally in view of Yang, UK Patent No. 2,243,704A ("Yang") or Fischer, U.S. Patent No. 4,310,753 ("Fischer"). The Examiner maintains that with respect to Claims 1 and 2, Satloff teaches a plurality of touch areas, each of the touch areas representing a symbol from a plurality of symbols 21, wherein the touch areas are arranged in at least one of a plurality of groups (21 and 41), each group including at least two of the touch areas, wherein each of the groups includes touch areas that are arranged in a distinctive shape that incorporates one or more of the symbols or parts of symbols, whereby a user enters a symbol by touching a part of a key with the distinctive shape that is recognized with the symbol. The Examiner also maintains that it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art (1) to modify the structure of Satloff using Yang's keyboard to not only include symbols but an intuitive, general purpose and flexible method for inputting characters of different languages and (2) to modify Satloff to include the groove